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DANVILLE ASSISTANT CHIEF GRADUATES CJED, ADDRESSES CLASS

RICHMOND, Ky. – Danville Assistant Chief Michael J. Newell, who was the spokesman for his Criminal Justice Executive Development class, urged his peers during a graduation speech today to continue to explore their visions for the future of law enforcement.

Newell, who was selected by his classmates as class spokesman, was among 19 law enforcement executives who graduated from the CJED program this morning.

“What we have come to understand after five weeks of CJED is that we have the potential to change the face of law enforcement in Kentucky and beyond,” Newell said to his fellow graduates.

The Criminal Justice Executive Development Program is an advanced leadership course for supervisors at the state’s small and medium-size agencies. The class’s 19 graduates include three chiefs and two assistant chiefs, as well as other high-ranking law enforcement executives.

The program’s goal is to provide supervisors with modern theories, management techniques and leadership skills that will enable them to perform more effectively and efficiently in their departments and ready them for future command positions.

CJED is a five-week program. Students attend courses one week each month for five months. To participate in the program, attendees must be supervisors who rank sergeant or above, apply for entrance into the program and be selected by a committee of CJED graduates from across the state.

The program focuses on leadership, identifying, analyzing and solving problems, as well as personnel administration, operations and fiscal management, and executive and environmental relationships.

During the graduation ceremony, guest speaker Lt. Col. Terri Winstead of the Louisville Metro Police Department, told the graduates that integrity is one of the most important aspects of good leadership.

“It’s not always easy to make the right decision, but you have to do it so the community will have trust in you and those who are under your command will have trust in you,” she said.



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Winstead has been in law enforcement leadership positions for 10 years, rising through the ranks from sergeant to assistant chief. She now leads the patrol division of the Louisville Metro Police Department, where she is the commander of six patrol districts, six departmental majors and about 550 officers.

She challenged the graduates to hold everyone in his or her agency accountable and to mentor the upcoming generation of leaders. She also encouraged them to always think out of the box and try new challenges.

“We might feel like we’re doing the best that we can,” she said “but we can always do better.”

The Criminal Justice Executive Development Program began in 1998. Since then a total of 106 ranking peace officers have graduated from the program.

CJED VI Graduates and their agencies are:

Lt. John W. Branscum, Nicholasville Police Department
Lt. William K. Clark, Berea Police Department
Chief Joseph S. Cline, Morehead Police Department
Sgt. Timothy F. Davis, Madisonville Police Department
Lt. Col. Jeffery M. Dektas, Wilder Police Department
Lt. David K. Ellis, Berea Police Department
Chief Thomas L. Farris, Falmouth Police Department
Lt. Kenneth W. Fecher, Fort Thomas Police Department
Lt. Terry L. Gabbert, Owensboro Police Department
Lt. F. Marvin Hayden, Owensboro Police Department
Sgt. Edwin Q. Hughes, Bowling Green Police Department
Chief Tony Kramer, Edgewood Police Department
Lt. Col. Michael J. Newell, Danville Police Department
Lt. Glynn Powers, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement
Capt. Larry D. Roberts, Danville Police Department
Lt. Jeffery A. Sears, Somerset Police Department
Maj. Corey Tapp, Henderson Police Department
Sgt. D. Wade Williams, Madisonville Police Department
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